

SECTION XYIII.

MARANA-KALA,

OR

THE TIME OF DEATH.

SHRI BHAGAVAN said:

1. And he who, casting off the body, goeth forth thinking upon Me only at the time of the end, he entereth into My being; there is no doubt of that.—(viii. 5.)

2. Whosoever at the end abandoneth the body, thinking upon any being, to that only he goeth, O Kaunteya, ever to that conformed in nature.—(viii. 6.)

3. Therefore at all times think upon Me only, and fight. With Manas and Buddhi set on Me, without doubt thou shalt come to Me.—(viii. 7.)

4 With the mind not wandering after aught else, harmonized by continual practice, constantly meditating, O Partha, one goeth to the Purusha, Supreme, Divine—(viii. 8.)

4. He who thinketh upon the Ancient, the Omniscient, the All-Ruler, minuter than the atom, the Supporter of all, of form imaginable, refulgent as the sun beyond the darkness.—(viii. 9.)

5. In the time of forthgoing, with unshaken Manas, fixed in devotion, by the power of Yoga drawing together his life-breath in the centre of the two eyebrows, he goeth to this Purusha, Supreme, Divine.—(viii* 10.)

7. All the gates closed, Manas confined in the heart, the life-breath fixed in his own head, firm in Yoga.—(viii.